

U.S. Department of State, CA/OCS/PRI
Adoption Regulations Docket Room
SA-29

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Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing this letter in opposition to the Hague Convention Treaty (docket number State/AR-01/96. My wife and I adopted a child internationally about 2 years ago, and are well aware of all the steps that a potential adoptive parent must go through to adopt a child. The process is long and rigorous, and expensive. I see the proposed Hague Convention Treaty as a bad idea, that would only make an already difficult process more difficult, and more expensive to those wanting to adopt.

The need for parents for orphans is great, and we should be doing everything we can to make that process easier and less expensive, so that more children without a family, and without a home will have a family and a place to belong.

Please do everything you can to see to it that this measure does not pass and become law.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,


Kevin Coats